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LAUNCH OF G MOBILE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India will have more than 500 million mobile subscribers by 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the major telecom providers have been carrying out trial of mobile services using the 3G or third generation spectrum in order to test equipment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the time by which the new policy is likely to be effected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Government envisages 500 million total telephone connections by 2010, out of which about 450 million are expected to be mobile subscribers.

(c) Yes, sir.

(d) The guidelines for 3G spectrum would be announced after the relevant spectrum is vacated by the existing users.